

RESOLUTION # 9-2018

Resolution offered by Supervisor Dave Hintz

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation Broadband Committee is working to assure all areas of Oneida County are served with broadband service; and

WHEREAS, broadband access is necessary for students to research homework and develop projects; and

WHEREAS, businesses of all types in Oneida County rely on broadband to promote and develop their businesses; and

WHEREAS, rural areas are relying more on online medical services for diagnosis and remote transfer of medical information to medical personnel and facilities; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that nonresident visitors and property owners would spend more time in Oneida County with reliable broadband access allowing them to work remotely; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission has a Rural Broadband Expansion Grant Program that the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation Broadband Committee is pursuing the receipt of funds for the on-going rural broadband projects here in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation Broadband Committee requests support from the Oneida County Board of Supervisors in pursuit of an approx. \$200,000 grant from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission Rural Broadband Expansion Grant Program in an effort to expand the rural broadband coverage in Oneida County to 90-95% coverage; and

WHEREAS, the WI Public Service Commission Broadband Expansion Grant Program will require matching grant funds of approximately \$400,000 from contributors; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County Board of Supervisors in the 2019 budget process will give consideration to appropriating \$100,000.00 as part of the total \$400,000 match funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors supports the Oneida County Economic Development Broadband Committee's application for a grant from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Rural Broadband Expansion Grant Program as well as consideration of an appropriation of matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman is authorized to sign this resolution as a letter of support for the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation Broadband Committee's application for a Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Rural Broadband Grant.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes *B* No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, *[Signature]* , Date: 1/10/18

Approved by Supervisor Dave Hintz this _____ day of January, 2018.

Consent Agenda Item: ____YES ____X____NO

Offered and passage moved by:

D. Hintz
Supervisor

Seconded by Bob Mott

16 Ayes

0 Nays

5 Absent

0 Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 16 day _____, 2018.

Defeated

Tracy Hartman
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

D. Hintz
David Hintz, County Board Chair

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